

In the Claims:

1-10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a first device, the method comprising:

broadcasting a signal from the first device operative to be received by one or more second devices, the signal including a request for a ~~list of location identifiers~~ identifier identifying a realm of which ~~from~~ the one or more second devices is a member;

receiving, at the first device, at least one location identifier from the one or more second devices in response to the request;

selecting, at the first device, at least one desired location identifier from the at least one location identifier received from the one or more second devices in response to the request;

transmitting from the first device a password associated with the at least one desired location identifier; and

in response to transmitting the password associated with the at least one desired location identifier, receiving at the first device at least one device identifier identifying a device that is a member of the realm identified by ~~associated with~~ the at least one desired location identifier.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein receiving at the first device the at least one device identifier identifying the device that is a member of the realm identified by the at least one desired location identifier further comprises receiving a plurality of device identifiers, wherein each of the plurality of device identifiers identifies devices that are members of the realm identified by the at least one desired location identifier ~~wherein the at least one location identifier comprises a name associated with one of a physical realm and a logical realm.~~

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising selecting, at the first device, the at least one device identifier identifying the device associated with the at least one desired location identifier, and controlling the device associated with the at least one desired location identifier.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the device associated with the at least one desired location identifier comprises a second device from the one or more second devices.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein controlling the device associated with the at least one desired location identifier comprises causing the device associated with the at least one desired location identifier to render at least a portion of a media item.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein controlling the device associated with the at least one desired location identifier further comprises transferring a media item from the device associated with the at least one desired location identifier to the first device.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the one or more second devices is a plurality of second devices, and broadcasting the signal comprises broadcasting the signal from the first device operative to be received by the plurality of second devices, wherein each of the plurality of second devices is operatively connected to a same local area network.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the one or more second devices is a plurality of second devices, and broadcasting the signal comprises broadcasting the signal from the first device operative to be received by the plurality of second devices, wherein each of the plurality of second devices is operatively coupled to a network selected from a group consisting of a local area network, a wide area network, a remote local area network, a wireless network, a cellular phone network, and the Internet.

19. (Withdrawn) A method of playing media items, the method comprising:
providing a plurality of devices on a local area network, the local area network being capable of wireless communication;
bringing a new device into a range of the local area network; and
receiving, by the new device, a list of devices from a server operatively connected to the local area network.

20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 19, further comprising transmitting a location ID and a password from the new device, wherein the location ID identifies a realm, and the password authenticates the new device to the realm.
21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 19, further comprising transmitting a password from the new device, wherein the password is associated with a location.
22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 19, wherein each device in the list of devices is associated with a realm.
23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 22, further comprising:
selecting a device from the list of devices; and
controlling the selected device from the new device.
24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein the controlling the selected device further comprises causing the selected device to render at least a portion of a media item.
25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein the controlling the selected device further comprises downloading a media item from the selected device to the new device.
26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 19, wherein each device in the list of devices is operatively connected to the local area network.
27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 19, wherein the new device comprises at least one of a PDA, a palmtop computer, a laptop computer, and a cellular telephone.
28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 19, wherein a wide area network facilitates communication of the list of devices to the new device.
29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein the wide area network comprises the Internet.

30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 19, wherein the list of devices further comprises an indication of whether each device in the list of devices is a local device or a remote device.

31. (Currently Amended) A method of playing media items, the method comprising:
moving a first device operative to receive a wireless broadcast of at least one location ID into a range of a network having connected thereto at least one second device operative to wirelessly broadcast the at least one location ID, wherein the at least one location ID identifies a realm of which the at least one second device is a member;

receiving on the first device the at least one location ID;
selecting at least one desired location ID from the at least one location ID received;
transmitting authentication information to the at least one second device for the at least one desired location ID; and
receiving a list of devices that are members of the realm identified by ~~associated with the~~
at least one desired location ID.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein transmitting the authentication information further comprises transmitting one of a user name, a user identifier, a location identifier, and a password.

33. (Cancelled).

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34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein receiving on the first device the at least one location ID further comprises receiving a plurality of location IDs, and wherein selecting the at least one location ID further comprises selecting one of the plurality of location IDs.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein receiving the list of devices associated with the at least one location ID comprises receiving the list of devices associated with the at least one location ID from the at least one second device.
36. (Cancelled).
37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising selecting a device from the list of devices associated with the at least one location ID, and controlling the selected device.
38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein controlling the selected device further comprises causing the selected device to render at least a portion of a media item.
39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein controlling the selected device further comprises downloading a media item from the selected device.
40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the first device comprises at least one of a PDA, a palmtop computer, a laptop computer, and a cellular telephone.
41. (Currently Amended) A method for playing media items, comprising:
wirelessly broadcasting, on a first device, a location ID wherein the location ID identifies a realm of which the first device is a member;
wirelessly receiving, on a second device, the location ID;
entering, on the second device, a password associated with the location ID; and
effecting the playing of a media item on the first device by the second device.
42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein effecting the playing of the media item further comprises communicating with the second device over a local area network to which the second device is connected.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein effecting the playing of the media item further comprises communicating with the second device over a wide area network to which the second device is connected.
44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the wide area network comprises the Internet.
45. (Withdrawn) A mobile device for effecting the playing of a media item, comprising:
a display;
a wireless interface operative to communicate over a local area network;
a discovery module operative to receive information regarding at least one other device via the wireless interface, the display operative to convey a representation of the at least one other device; and
a selector operative to select the representation of the at least one other device;
wherein the mobile device is operative to control at least one function of the at least one other device.
46. (Withdrawn) The mobile device of claim 45, wherein the mobile device is operative to control the function of the at least one other device via a communication path that includes, at least in part, a wide area network.
47. (Withdrawn) The mobile device of claim 46, wherein the wide area network comprises the Internet.
48. (Withdrawn) The mobile device of claim 45, wherein the information regarding the at least one other device travels over a communications path that includes a wide area network.
49. (Withdrawn) The mobile device of claim 45, wherein the discovery module is further operative to receive a list of device IDs, and the selector is further operative to select one device ID from the list of device IDs.

50. (Currently Amended) A method for playing music, the method comprising:
moving a first device operative to receive a wireless broadcast of at least one location ID into a range of a network having connected thereto at least one second device operative to wirelessly broadcast the at least one location ID, wherein the at least one location ID identifies a realm of which the at least one second device is a member;
receiving, at the first device, a location ID from the at least one second device;
displaying, on the first device, the location ID received from the at least one second device;
selecting, on the first device, the location ID;
entering, on the first device, a password associated with the selected location ID; and
selecting, on the first device, a song to be played on the at least one second device.
51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50, further comprising:
the at least one second device broadcasting a plurality of location IDs;
receiving at the first device the plurality of location IDs from the at least one second device;
displaying, on the first device, the plurality of location IDs; and
selecting, on the first device, one of the plurality of location IDs.
52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50, further comprising:
receiving, on the at least one second device, the password entered into the first device;
authenticating the password; and
sending to the first device, in response to a successful authentication, a list of device IDs of devices on the network.
53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, further comprising:
receiving, on the first device, the list of device IDs sent by the at least one second device;
displaying on the first device the list of device IDs; and
selecting a device ID from the list of device IDs.

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the list of devices is transmitted from a server operatively connected to the network through a wide area network.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising transmitting the list of devices from a server operatively connected to the network through a wide area network.